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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC Koenigsbrueck Troop Training Grounds		
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REFERENCES		
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REMARKS		

1. At 2000 on 13 July 1954, a troop train carrying 9 rocket launchers and about 10 vehicles was seen at the Koenigsbrueck-West railroad station. The train was unloaded at 0545 on 14 July. The vehicles left toward Neues Lager (1523).
 1 At 2000 on 14 July, a train with 7 x 54-mm AT guns and 6 BA-64 armored scout cars was seen at the Koenigsbrueck-West railroad station.
2. At about 0800 on 29 July, a column of about 20 trucks occupied by soldiers, and towing 122-mm field howitzers was seen en route from Koenigsbrueck toward Neues Lager. At 1815 on 31 July, a column of 12 trucks towing 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, occupied by soldiers went from Koenigsbrueck toward Neues Lager. 2
3. Colonel Yelakhov (fnu) was commanding officer of the unit stationed in Camp Schwepnitz. 3
4. Between 1000 and noon, reports of rocket launchers were heard from the direction of the training grounds. 1
5. At about 1730 on 15 July, a column of 12 trucks including 4 trucks with billeting equipment, 1 truck with a field kitchen, and 1 truck with an AA gun passed through Stenz and went toward the training area. The remaining six trucks were occupied by a total of about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 1800, 12 light AA guns, about 22 trucks, repair shop truck and sedan were unloaded from a train at the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station. 4
6. At noon on 19 July, 8 to 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received instruction on each of 2 x 85-mm AT guns emplaced near Neues Lager.
7. At about 0900 on 21 July, a column passed through Stenz and Clauschwitz; it came from Koenigsbrueck, went toward Radeburg and included: 60 to 80 trucks towing about 30 x 85-mm AT guns and 2 field kitchens and including

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15 trucks each occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

At about 1630, a second column went in the same direction. It consisted of 24 T-12 prime movers including 20 towing 100-mm AT guns and carrying 8 to 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia each, 25 to 30 trucks with ammunition boxes, 6 to 10 trucks with fuel drums, 12 trucks each occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers with full field equipment, 10 trucks towing 6 field kitchens, 3 repair shop trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance, 1 bus, and 4 sedans. The two columns returned to Neues Lager after 1500.

8. At 1100 on 29 July, T-34/85 tanks 1 salvage tank, and 2 trucks were entrained at the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station.
9. On 28 July, the Nachrichten-Schule(1521) in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Most of the soldiers wore tank insignia.
10. In late July, the summer camp appeared to be only lightly occupied. Eight to 10 trucks were parked near kilometermark 31.1. About 40 trucks were seen near kilometermark 32.5 and additional 10 trucks and several tanks were seen about 500 meters north of that spot.
1. Comment. the train presumably carried major elements of the 405th Gds RL Bn of the 8th Gds Mech Div from Leisnig. A troop train had been dispatched from there for Koenigsbrueck on 12 July. The rocket launchers apparently went to the training area for firing immediately after the unloading.
2. Comment. the field howitzers observed on 31 July may have belonged to the unidentified Arty Regt of the 9th Tank Div.
3. Comment. Colonel Yelakhov (fnu) is reported for the first time. He may belong to the 8th Gds Mech Div in Camp Schwepnitz.
4. Comment. the column belonged to AAA units of the 6th Gds AAA Div.
5. Comment. The observed movement probably was a march practice of two regiments of the unidentified Light Arty Brig of the First Gds Mech Army. The unit is confirmed in Neues Lager at Koenigsbrueck until 20 July 1954.
6. Comment. the tanks belonged to the 11th Gds Tank Div, and presumably to the 44th and 45th Gds Tank Regts. They may have been entrained for Letsling Heath, where firing practices have been held since early July.

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